

Fair Tonight and Probably Monday.

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COAX WHITE WITH \$500 TO LECTURE

Commodore Ryan Promises Aviator \$500 to Fulfill Contract for Address.

BERGER IGNORED BY THE BIRDMAN

Three-Cornered Mix-Up Untangled by Generous Offer of Briton's Friend.

Claude Grahame-White, "the world's greatest aviator," may deliver a lecture on aviation this evening at the Columbia Theater.

This announcement cannot be made more definite at this time, as Grahame-White has already experienced several changes of heart and may again change his mind before the doors of the theater are opened to the public.

Three hours of strenuous argument and an honorable man's promise to pay whatever within reason Grahame-White might demand, were the incentives utilized in obtaining for the Washington public this sole opportunity of hearing at popular prices the views on aviation held by "the world's greatest aviator."

Clifford Harmon, amateur aviator, and Commodore John Barry Ryan, of the United States Aeronautical Reserve, were the two men who induced Grahame-White to agree to lecture tonight if he "is not too sick."

"Too Sick" To Lecture.

No notice was given to The Times by either Grahame-White or his manager, J. S. Berger, that "the world's greatest aviator" was "too sick" to fly at Benning this afternoon, although representatives of The Times talked to Mr. Berger over the phone and at his hotel. The advertisements announcing the flights of Grahame-White were not canceled. Mr. Grahame-White apparently was willing either to allow the public to make a useless trip to Benning or he was willing to fly through a sick man, for at the Willard Hotel, during the long argument with Ryan and Harmon, he insisted that he was too sick to deliver a lecture tonight.

The arguments of Harmon and Ryan were made solely for the purpose of upholding their reputations in the eyes of the world. They allowed themselves to become identified with the lecture proposition, as they were requested to do, and the lecture platform with their presence as companions and friends of Grahame-White.

With Grahame-White refusing to appear, and with the strange conditions surrounding their announcement, Harmon and Ryan felt called upon to protect themselves. For three long hours they labored with the Englishman to show him that he would have to appear as advertised.

Agrees To Lecture.

In the end the persuasive powers of the two men and the promise of Commodore Ryan that he would pay Grahame-White anything that "the world's greatest aviator" might ask if he would only carry out his advertised program carried the day, and the announcement came from the Englishman that the ad could be put back into the papers and the theater could be opened, for Grahame-White was going to talk.

Despite the fact that the English aviator, through his manager, J. S. Berger, had made all arrangements for this lecture tonight and the lecture men had engaged the hall and inserted advertisements in the papers, Grahame-White repudiated his engagement last night, so the lecture men say, and came forward with a demand for \$500 and half of the box office receipts. When this was refused it is said he calmly stated that he would not talk in public for any amount of money.

When approached today with the generous offer of Commodore Ryan to guarantee every expense and pay Grahame-White any sum that he might name he consented to lecture. When asked today why he suddenly

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WEATHER REPORT.

The tropical storm in the eastern portion of the Gulf of Mexico has moved northward only slightly. It is still northwest of the Florida Keys. Hurricane warnings have been lowered at Key West, but they are still flying over the entire Florida peninsula, and storm warnings are displayed on the coast from Jacksonville to Savannah and on the Gulf coast from Apalachicola to Pensacola.

The changes in temperature have been slight. Rains are indicated for the North Atlantic States, but elsewhere east of the Mississippi river fair weather will continue.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Fair tonight and probably Monday; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m.	59
9 a. m.	60
10 a. m.	61
11 a. m.	62
12 noon	63
1 p. m.	64
2 p. m.	65

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 5:55 a. m. and 6:12 p. m.; low tide, 12:22 a. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 6:42 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; low tide, 12:50 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.

HARPERS FERRY, Va., Oct. 15.—Both rivers clear this morning.

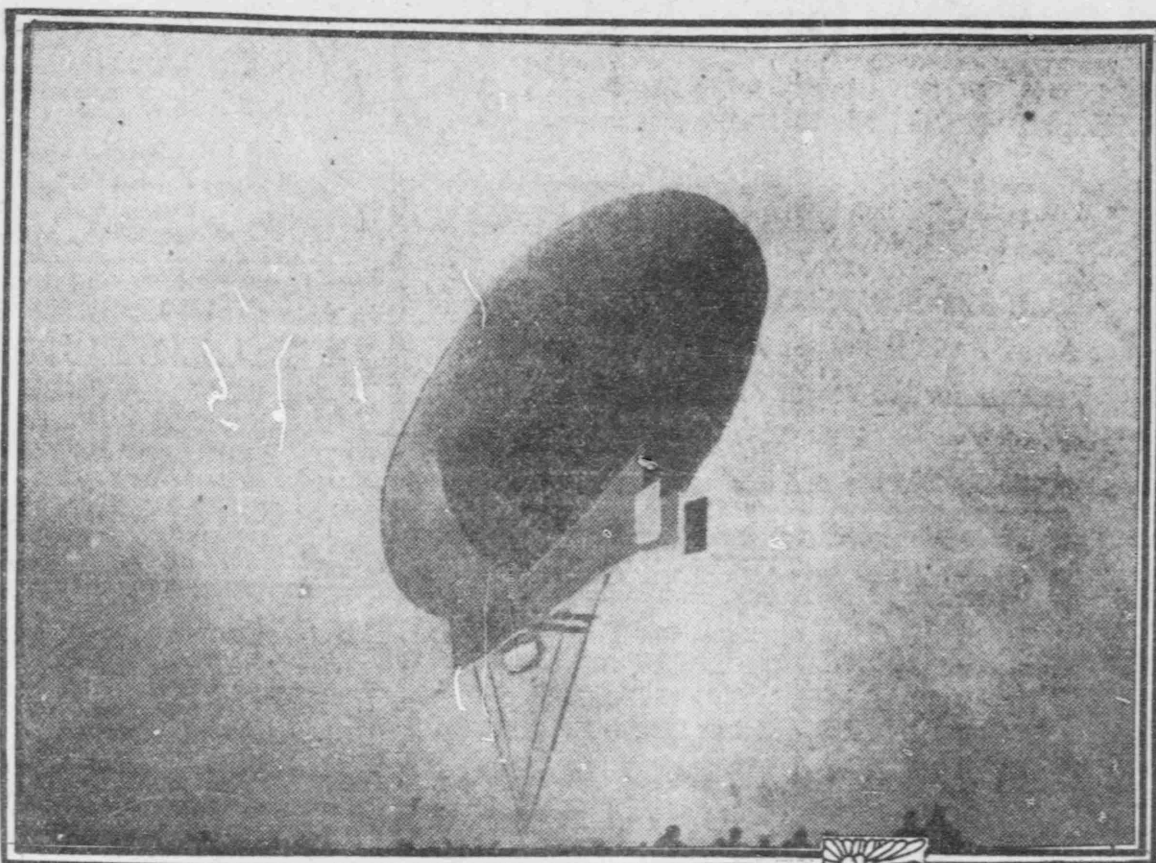
Scenes at Start of Airship on First Attempt to Fly Across Atlantic and Washington Boy on Board

Dirigible Losing Itself in Thick Fog After Start From Atlantic City Boardwalk.

OFF FOR EUROPE,

WELLMAN'S FAREWELL,

JOHN AUBERT AND MISS REBECCA WELLMAN, Washington Boy Taken On Airship At Last Minute, and Daughter of Head of Expedition.



CHEAPER GAS NEAR, OFFICIAL DECLARES

Company's Representative Predicts Lower Rates Within Few Weeks.

"Within the next few weeks the people of Washington will be using cheaper gas," was the positive declaration made today by an official of the Washington Gas Light Company.

"We have accomplished our financing," he continued, "something we have been trying to do for years, and we propose to get on a peace footing with the people of this city just as quickly as we can. The services of high-priced legal talent and of experts in the gas field are very costly. The Gas Company has been on the defensive for years. We endeavored to capitalize the improvements of many years in our system, and just as we were about to take advantage of a law permitting us to do so, the law was repealed."

"Now that we have found a way to pay the shareholders a fair return on the actual value of their property, all these extra expenses will be chopped off, and at once, and we propose to give the consumers of gas the benefit of the great saving."

"We have holdings of real estate actually worth more than \$3,200,000, the amount of 2 per cent bonds to be issued, \$600,000 of the proceeds to be exchanged for the 4 per cent bonds, and the proceeds of the sale of \$2,600,000 to be used in retiring the certificates of indebtedness. When the additional \$2,000,000 bonds authorized on Friday have been issued, \$2,000,000 in cash will have come into the office to replace a like amount spent by the Gas Company in improvements. We own more than 200 parcels of real estate in various sections of the city."

"Moreover, we believe that the people of Washington will be larger users of gas on the cheaper basis."

KELIHER WILL RUN

AS AN INDEPENDENT

BOSTON, Oct. 16.—Representative John A. Kelihier, who was defeated for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Ninth district by Councillor Murray, will run as an independent candidate. No official announcement of his candidacy will be made for a few days, but it is known that his lieutenants have been circulating nomination papers in his behalf.

There was some talk of giving Representative Kelihier the Republican endorsement, but Col. William H. Oakes, the Republican candidate, announced that he was in the contest to stay.

TAFT, IN THE PULPIT, PRAISES UNITARIANISM

President, at Beverly, Takes Opportunity to Deliver a Sermonette on the Merits of Religion—Thanks Pastor for His Sermons During Summer.

BEVERLY, Mass., Oct. 16.—In the historic church whose flock responds to the tolling of a bell cast by Paul Revere, President Taft preached a sermonette today on Unitarianism.

There was a bustle of surprise when the President arose from his pew, advanced to the chancel at the conclusion of the Rev. Benjamin B. Bulkeley's sermon, and said:

"I should be most reluctant to break into the regular course of worship this morning if it did not give me opportunity on behalf of Mrs. Taft and myself to express the gratitude we feel at having had the privilege of worshipping with you this summer in a church so full of history, with such a wealth of usefulness in the last 50 years."

"It is a church that illustrates in its history the growth of liberalism in religion, and the development of the orthodox tenets of those who

GIRL AND MOTHER IN SUICIDE PACT

Pennsylvania Woman and Unmarried Daughter Die by Drinking Poison.

SELIN'S GROVE, Pa., Oct. 16.—Mrs. Alonzo Dolbeer, of Northumberland, Pa., with her daughter, Mary, unmarried, today committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid.

Evidently both mother and daughter entered into a suicide compact. The daughter, Mary, had been an invalid for a number of years and the mother for some months had also been in ill health.

The news of the tragedy stirred the town into a frenzy of excitement, as both of the women were well known. Alonzo Dolbeer, the husband and father, died at Northumberland about six years ago.

BOMB THROWER IN JAIL.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Fred C. Wahlmeyer, who, the police claim, was responsible for placing the bomb under the house of Mrs. Potter Palmer a few weeks ago, and who has been adjudged sane by the court, today started to serve his sentence in the county jail in default of the \$300 fine imposed by the court when Wahlmeyer was found guilty on a charge of disorderly conduct.

SWEETHEARTS SINK TO DEATH IN RIVER

Prominent Baltimorean Is Drowned in Effort to Rescue Fiancee, Who Also Dies.

POCOMOKE CITY, Md., Oct. 16.—In an effort to save his sweetheart, who had been knocked into the water, Henry P. Dennis, son of the late State Senator Samuel K. Dennis, of Worcester, and cousin of Judge J. Upshur Dennis, of Baltimore, plunged into the Pocomoke river near Beverly, and both were drowned.

The young lady was Miss Caroline Eaton, daughter of Dr. C. D. Eaton, president of Beloit College, of Wisconsin.

The first intimation that friends had of the accident was when the overturned sailboat in which the young people were sailing was found last night.

Bodies Not Found.

All day today efforts were made to recover the bodies, but up to a late hour this afternoon they had not been found. The whole town is assisting in the search.

Young Dennis came here to the historic Dennis homestead a few days ago to spend a short time with relatives. Miss Eaton was visiting the family. The young couple appeared to be attached to each other, and it is understood that they were engaged.

Yesterday afternoon they went out for a sail. It is believed the boat had gotten under way and that in taking across the stream, which is about 1,500 yards wide at the point where the accident occurred, the jib swung around and knocked the young woman out of the boat.

Jumps To Rescue.

Mr. Dennis is then believed to have jumped overboard in order to rescue her. He was a good swimmer and a general all-around athlete, but his task was beyond his power.

Mr. Dennis was a member of the distinguished Dennis family on the Eastern Shore. It is doubtful if any Maryland family has had more representatives in national and State affairs. There has hardly been a big movement in the Congress of the nation in which a Dennis was not vitally concerned.

Henry Dennis had three brothers, who survive him. They are Alfred Dennis, of Pocomoke; Samuel K. Dennis, a lawyer in Baltimore, and a younger brother, Philip. He was a cousin of Judge John Upshur Dennis and of James U. Dennis, also a lawyer in Baltimore. A sister is Mrs. Joseph Wickes, wife of the commissioner of street cleaning.

RAILWAYS IN PARIS

RESUMING TRAFFIC

PARIS, Oct. 16.—The railway strike is dying out today. All the roads are resuming their ordinary traffic. The city is quiet, and it is expected that normal conditions will soon be restored.

CUBS SPREAD FEAR IN THE QUAKER CITY

Athletics and Fans in State of Anxious Uncertainty Over World's Series.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 16.—Philadelphia may be corrupt, but it could hardly be called contented.

The Quaker City resembles in general bearing today a little boy who has played hooky and is just edging into school the next day wondering whether or not he is going to be lambasted for his trick. The Athletics are in just that state of uncertainty, and so are their fans. They are fearful of the future. They won't admit it, but down in their hearts they are. The dread of the Cubs is abroad in the land, and no man knows what will come to pass.

The announcement by Manager Chance that Overall would pitch the first game for the Cubs has started a tremendous amount of doping by the townsmen of baseball, but none of them has the answer positively.

Connie Mack will not say who is to open for the Athletics, and will not put the sign of approval on any of the vast number of battle arrays arranged for him by his kind-faced friends of the press. Connie is simply reminding mute

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WHOLE NATION MOURNS

DEATH OF IOWA SENATOR

Governor Carroll Orders That the Highest State Honors Be Paid Memory of Jonathan P. Dolliver.

ST. DODGE, Ia., Oct. 16.—All day long expressions of regret and sorrow at the news of the untimely death of United States Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver have been pouring into the home of the great statesman, who has endeared himself to the American people by his fairness, stanchness, and absolute adherence to principle.

From all parts of the country telegrams have come bearing messages of condolence. The leading politicians of the country, all of whom knew Senator Dolliver well, have joined in sending messages of sympathy, and Governor Carroll himself has given orders that everything possible that the State do to add prestige or honor to the funeral be done.

One of the finest tributes paid to the

DIRIGIBLE CROSSES ENGLISH CHANNEL

Three French Aeronauts Make Record Trip From Paris to London.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Three intrepid French aeronauts, piloting the big dirigible, Clement Bayard II, today capped the climax of all cross-channel aeronaut efforts, when they completed a trip from Paris to London without a stop. Sailing steadily in the light wind blowing over the channel, the balloon created a sensation on both sides. People deserted the morning church services to rush out and see the monster balloon making steady headway in a cross wind.

Today's flight is the greatest dirigible balloon record ever hung up. Even the giant Zeppelins have never made such a long and hazardous sustained flight. The airship was manned by M. Clement, the designer and builder; M. Sabatier, engineer, and William Decrus, representing the English parliamentary committee for whom it was constructed and who will have an option on it.

On landing here M. Clement said all the conditions for the flight were excellent. "We started at 7:15 o'clock this morning and accomplished the voyage without a hitch. We crossed the channel just before 11 o'clock, and there the airship, passing west of Dover and between that port and Folkestone at 11:10 o'clock, sailed steadily on to London."

"We sighted the Metropolis just before 1 o'clock and made straight for the dome of St. Paul's, flying very low so that the details of the great yellow vessels could be observed by the tens of thousands who thronged the streets gazing upwards."

"We had the airship under perfect control and after circling St. Paul's we headed along Fleet street and the Strand, steering our way as surely as we had been in a motor car. We then proceeded over West London to Wormwood Scrubs, where we made a safe descent at seven minutes past one."

A detachment of the Irish Guards was detailed immediately to protect the airship from the tremendous crowds that gathered about it.

The airship was constructed near Paris. The balloon, upon its arrival in London, was greeted by thousands. The news of the flight was flashed to the city long before the airship had been sighted. Thousands of fashionable left off their driving in Hyde Park and more of the East side rabble in their pursuit of the monster balloon.

WELLMAN'S AIRSHIP OFF NANTUCKET

Dirigible America, Sighted at 8 A. M., Signals "Going O. K."

FOURTEEN MILES OUT IN BREEZE

Big Balloon Making 25 Miles an Hour on Way Across the Atlantic.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 16.—The following message was picked up this morning by the wireless operator of an incoming ship just out of Boston harbor. The operator did not get the name of the addressee but caught the text:

"Off Nantucket Island, making twenty-five miles an hour and not running any machinery. Everything O. K.; all well; weather conditions fine. Will make Europe."

"WELLMAN."

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 16.—Wireless dispatches received say:

"Airship America made out from Nantucket Light slightly above the horizon and apparently about fourteen miles at sea, signaled by wireless, 'All well on board; going O. K.'"

NEW YORK, 1 P. M. Sunday.—America south of Nantucket making twenty-five miles an hour without use of her engine.

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 16.—Walter Wellman and his five-man crew aboard the airship America, missing since 6 o'clock last night, have again been sighted. Acting under orders of President Joseph W. Salus, of the local syndicate which backed the Wellman enterprise, the operator of the United Wireless Station here searched the sea this morning and found that the America had been sighted at 8 a. m. off Nantucket Light.

The message received here at noon by relays through wireless stations read:

"Airship America made out from Nantucket Light slightly above the horizon and apparently about fourteen miles at sea, signaled by wireless, 'All well on board; going O. K.'"

May Take Three Weeks.

No further message was flashed. According to the calculations made here, the America's appearance off Nantucket shows that she is making about the same speed as that of yesterday, and it is now believed that unless the Wellman party can obtain the assistance of favorable trade winds or strong easterly breezes, at least three weeks will be consumed in making the trip if it is a success.

Before the message was received from the America the greatest excitement prevailed because of the belief that the America and its plucky crew had been lost. Not a line had been received from the America since 6 o'clock last night, when she was spoken off Sandy Hook by the steamer Coamo and hundreds of people besieged telegraph and newspaper offices this morning for possible news of the airship.

DIRIGIBLE MAINTAINS

AVERAGE OF 25 MILES

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—With a clear sky, a fresh breeze, and going twenty-five miles an hour, Walter Wellman in his big dirigible balloon, flashed by Nantucket Lightship today on his way across the Atlantic.

This information posted by bulletin answered the questions of thousands who are interested in the progress of the first attempt to fly from this country to Europe.

Since yesterday afternoon the whole country has been awaiting eagerly for news from the America. From the time she vanished in the fog after her propitious start from Atlantic City, her journey was the center of interest to all who admired daring and novelty.

Where is she? was the one question asked. Up to the time of the receipt of the message at noon, not a word had been received from the Wellman-Vaniman expedition. Crowds watched the bulletin boards for news of the men. The announcement that the big vessel had reached Nantucket Light was hailed as a triumphant start in the big undertaking.

The passing of Nantucket means that the Wellman ship has more than maintained her average of fifteen miles an hour, which speed she was making when heard from last yesterday afternoon.

The forecasts of the weather prophets if they hold out insure her several days of favorable weather. It is probable that the scarcity of wireless news may be accounted for by the difficulty in

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